"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

There were eight farms in Appomattox County that grew and provided us data on the new hybrid fire cured tobacco, VA. 331 X Va. 312.

The hybrid averaged 2433 pounds and brought an average of $1970.13 per acre. Six of the eight farms had other varieties of tobacco. They averaged 2293 pounds and brought $1857.02 per acre.

So it looks like the hybrid averaged 140 more pounds and 113 additional dollars per acre. The top yield of hybrid was 3080 pounds and the lowest yield was 1815 pounds. The top dollar value was $2618 and lowest value was $1436.

In either case, yields and values were well above the county average.

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Charlotte County had a new farm operation beginning this month. I spent several hours with some of the people involved last Saturday. They are looking for feeder pigs and grain. By March 1 they will have 4000 pigs on feed. This calendar year they expect to purchase 10,000 feeder pigs.

They are asking "Should we plan to bring in pigs from Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina or can we get them produced locally. "They are looking for 100,000 to 150,000 bushels of corn.

Appomattox farmers who may be interested in supplying either corn or pigs may want to talk to these people. We'll be glad to assist any grower in this new market area.

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Flue tobacco growers will want to plan to attend the Annual District Meeting of Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Friday, February 25, 2:00 p.m., American Legion Building, South Hill, Virginia.

It's important to your business.

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The junior set of bulls at Red House finished their feed test Tuesday, February 12th, and will be sold Saturday, March 2.

There will be 50 bulls for sale. Minimum prices on the 28 steers bulls range from $550 to $1075, two Simmental- $700 to $1000, three Charolais- $650 to $875 and 17 Polled Hereford- $550 to $975.

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If you're interested in having an "in-depth" look at reorganizing your farm as a partnership or corporation farm there are several meetings scheduled for this area of the state: February 27 and 28- 7:30 - 9:30, John Daniel Community College, Keysville, Virginia; March 5-10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Ken Johnson Cafeteria, Charlottesville, Virginia; March 7- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Lynchburg Extension Office and Lynchburg Memorial Hospital.

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Due to a recent court ruling diethylstilbestrol is again legal for beef cattle. There are two other products that can also be used- Ralgro and Synovex. The difference as far as the producer is concerned is that the latter two cost twice as much as stilbestrol; but the cost is still under $1 per head.

Cattle receiving a stilbestrol implant **must not** be marketed for 120 days.

All steers going on grass this spring should get an implant. The economics of increased gain say you can't afford not to get it done.

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The fertilizer situation would certainly urge that you grow soybeans rather than corn-at least for 1974. We have a soybean production meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 7:30, at the District Extension Office, Main Street, Appomattox.

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PRECIPITATION:

Week	.42
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"There is no night, however dark. That never ends in dawn; There is no snow, however white that stays when winter's gone.

There is no barrier too high to intercept my prayer; And there's no place I'll be alone, For God is always there."

— French

A Prayer meeting is being held each Friday night, 8 p.m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The assistant pastor, Morris Cumbie, is in charge of the teaching and open discussion sessions. A fellowship hour follows each meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Get-well wishes are extended to Mrs. Ethel Bryant and Mr. Willie Woodson who have been sick.

Sympathy is extended to the family of "Dee" Doss at his untimely passing.

The Young people of Pleasant Grove who wish to attend a 3-day session at Eagle Eyrie in the spring, are asked to contact Mrs. Pauline K. Gunter or Morris Cumbie as soon as possible.

Family members and friends celebrated the birthday of Mr. J. P. Johnson, Jr., with a Sunday dinner in his honor.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gunter, other than family, were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Martin, Donald and Tammy of Farmville.

Those visiting Mrs. Pauline K. Gunter during her recent illness were: Mrs. Vinia Kress, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Hallie Childress, Mrs. Fannie Gunter, Mrs. Emma Gowin, Miss Shirley Gowin, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lester and boys, Rev. Don Bryant, Mrs. Rosalie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Lester and family, Mrs. Ellen Moore and Laurie, Mr. Morris Cumbie, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Smith and Julie.

Mrs. Martha Cox, of Richmond, was the week end guest of Mrs. Vinia Kress recently.

The bus that is leaving for a week end in Nashville, Tenn., in March still has a few empty seats. Anyone interested is asked to contact Rev. Don Bryant or one of the following churches. Pleasant Grove, Goshen or Mineral Springs for information.

6th Grade Students From PES Tour Times-Virginian

Sixth-grade students from Pamplin Elementary School along with their teacher, Mrs. Christine Knight, came by on Friday morning for a tour of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN to get an idea of how a newspaper is put together and to see how various forms and books are printed here.

At the conclusion of the tour they left heading for a tour of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Station 170 in Appomattox.

Educational tours, due to the energy crisis, are being confined to places of interest within the county.

Pamplin

The Pamplin United Methodist Church is preparing a history of the church in connection with the observance of its 100th anniversary this year. Anyone having information, pictures or related material is asked to get in touch with Miss Merle Davis, chairman of the committee; the Rev. Durwood Fox, pastor; or Mr. Gene Davis in Farmville.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Cole is improving after undergoing surgery last week at Lynchburg General Hospital.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Elon Baptist Church observed Focus Week at the church Tuesday. Members were guests for luncheon with the Rev. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Margaret Lynn Mitchell, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell of Prospect, has been selected to be a finalist in the 1974 Miss National Teenager of Virginia Pageant to be held at Ramada Inn, Charlottesville, on July 27. The Miss National Teenager Pageant finals will be held in Atlanta, Ga. August 31. Contestants from all over the State of Virginia will be competing for the title for 1974. Miss Mitchell is being sponsored by Leggetts Dept. Store, Pairets, Inc., Newman's Chevrolet and The Village Shop, Farmville. Her hobbies include cooking and swimming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley were in Blacksburg last week visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley. Little Will has been on the sick list. Members of the Darlington Heights Community Center met last week for the election of officers: named were Mrs. Margaret Shorter, president, Mr. Henry Gibson, vice president, Mrs. Louise Dillon, secretary, Mr. Phillip Nester, treasurer; Mrs. Betty Cobb and Mrs. Dolly Childress, membership committee and Mrs. Lois Hamlett, entertainment chairman.

Mrs. Dillard Mays has returned home from Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price joined Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott in Richmond last week and will spend some time touring Florida.

Mrs. Lucille Womack Harper of Richmond is recuperating at Stuart Circle Hospital after undergoing surgery last week.

Mrs. Logan Gilliam Ligon of the Presbyterian Home in Harrisonburg is in the intensive care unit at the Harrisonburg Hospital.

Mrs. Katherine Cunningham and Mrs. Clarence Welch spent last week end with Mrs. Cunningham's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isbell, Mechanicsville.

Miss Donna Smith of William

MRS. BRIGHTWELL'S 4-H CLUB

Last time we had 4-H we had a 4-H Public Speaking Contest. It was fun. I won a white ribbon, Carol won a white, and Tammy and Benny won a white and Mary College will arrive Thursday to spend a long week end with her mother, Mrs. Anne C. Smith.

that's all I know for white ribbons. Bruce McFadden, Tina, Dale B., Dale G., and Jim all won red ribbons. The blue ribbons go to Denise, Stewart, Lynn, Ken, Angie, and Bruce.

Your Friend,
Bruce Reed, Reporter

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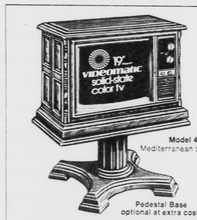

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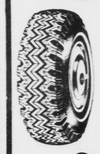

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Invitation From Local Group

"Al Reynolds & The Drifters", a local entertaining group, invites all their friends to a big appreciation Round and Square Dance to be held Friday night, February 22nd, at the beautiful new Town and Country Club three miles east of Drakes Branch. The dance will begin at 9 p.m.

This dance will be absolutely FREE in appreciation for the support shown the group by area patrons.

Members of the group, left to right, above are Al Reynolds, Don Giles, Gene Paulette, Don Drinkard, Roger O'Brien, and Buddy Green.

4-H Beef Club To Meet

The Appomattox 4-H Beef Club will meet this Saturday, February 23, from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon at the farm of Mr. Bill MacIntosh near Spout Spring. A program of judging, selecting and initial show preparations will be conducted. All members and parents are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in meeting with this group is invited as this program is open to everyone.

Pictured above is Wendy MacIntosh with her Angus Heifer at the 1973 Eastern National Livestock Show.

Valentine Supper Held

The "Kingdom Seekers Class" of Red Oak Baptist Church had a Valentine covered dish supper in honor of their pastor, Rev. G. E. Hughes. He was presented with a love token of a book, a red carnation, and a Valentine cake.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Mac Arthur Harris and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hudson, Leon and Jill, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Maddox, Lisa, Mike and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Mann, Brad and Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rogers and J. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson, Mr. Bill Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woody and Troy.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship.

MRS. DICKERSON'S 4-H club

The regular meeting of Mrs. Dickerson's 4-H club came to order January 11, 1974. Keith called the meeting to order. Mr. Sweet picked up the pine seedling forms. We talked about Public Speaking which would be held on Jan. 27, 1974. The County Public Speaking will be held at Appomattox Intermediate School Jan. 31, 1974. We met another new helper. His name is Mr. Goldman. Meeting adjourned.

Sybil Franklin, Reporter

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Burley Tobacco Quota For 1974 Announced: Referendum Called

Marketing quotas for the next three successive crops of burley tobacco have been proclaimed by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and a grower referendum is scheduled for Feb. 25 through March 1, reports James E. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

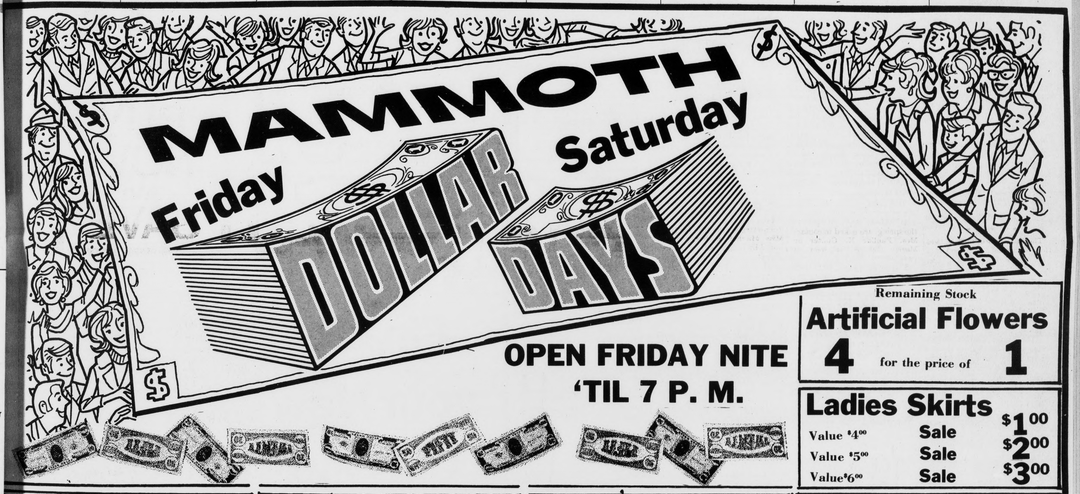
He said growers will decide by their votes in the referendum whether marketing quotas and price supports will continue in effect for the next three crops of burley tobacco. The quotas can continue in effect only with approval of at least two-thirds of the producers who vote in the referendum. The quotas will apply to all burley tobacco producers. If marketing quotas are approved, the 1974 burley crop will be supported at an average of 85.8 cents per pound. Anyone, regardless of race, creed or color, who had an interest in growing burley tobacco in 1973 may vote, Mr. Ford said.

The marketing quota for the 1974 crop is 608 million pounds, about eight percent larger than the 1973 quota.

Legislation provides that poundage quotas established for any farm for any year shall be increased for pounds not sold from the farm quota during the preceding year. Like wise, the Chairman said, any marketings in excess of a farm's quota are deducted from the farm's quota for the following year. If total marketings are 575 million pounds, as currently estimated, undermarketings of 1973 farm quotas will increase 1974 farm quotas by about 90 million pounds. Thus, 1974 farm quotas are expected to total about 698 million pounds, some 22 percent more than the quotas in effect last year, he stated.

"Notices of individual farm poundage quotas for 1974 will be mailed to farm operators by the Appomattox County ASC Committee as soon as adjustments can be made to reflect undermarketings and overmarketings of 1973 farm quotas. As in the past, a small amount of quota will be reserved in 1974 to establish quotas for farms having no burley history during the last five years, for correcting errors, and for adjusting inequities," Mr. Ford said.

Ballots will be mailed to all known burley tobacco producers by February 22. Producers who believe they are eligible to vote in the referendum, but do not receive a ballot should contact the county ASCS office in time to vote by the March 1 deadline, he said.



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